

SEVENTH ASHTAEA—THIRD) AJOHYIYA.

forth, O Iron, (proceed) to the pitcher, to
the filter;
alighting npon IND&A'S belly with a
noise, guided
by the priests, make the sun ascend the
sky.

23. Effused with the stones, thou flowest,
IXDU,
into the filter entering the belly of LS~DBA ;
SOMA,
the contemplator, thou dost look upon man
(with
affection); thou didst open the cloud
for the
Angirasas.¹

24. The pious worshippers desirous of
preserva-
tion have glorified thee, SO.MA, when being
purified;
the hawk brought thee from heaven, INDTT,
adorned
with all praises.

25. The seven milcli kine² approach the
green-
tinted (*Soma*) who flows purified in a stream
through
the woollen fleece, mighty men urge (thee) the
sage
on the lap of the waters to the place of sacrifice.³

26. *Indu*, purified, plunges through his foes
making v*iga xvn.
all things easy of access to the worshipper;
making
his body liquid,⁴ lovable and wise, he
rushes through
the filter sporting like a horse.

27. Separate, hundred-streamed,
commingling
(with the *Soma*| water-desiring, (the sun's
rays)

¹ Or, thou didst open the mountain-side which concealed
the
cattle stolen, by the *Pants*.

² The seven verses *Gdyatn*, etc., or the seven riTers,
the
Ganges, etc.

³ Or to the water; Sayana adds *rit&m*, *yonik*, and *ri
yonik* all mean Tracer.

⁴ Sajana explains *gak* as